

dumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995, so as to introduce a criteria for determining "non-market economy" countries for the purposes of anti-dumping investigations. The "non-market economy" countries notified includes China. However, if during an anti-dumping investigation sufficient evidence is shown in writing that market economy conditions prevail for one or more Chinese firms subject to anti-dumping investigation, then such firms would be, for the purposes of determining normal value, treated similarly as those from market economy countries. No objection has been received from China after the Notification No. 28/ 2001-NT-Customs dated 31.05.2001 labelling it as a "non-market economy".

Exports to China

1722. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the value of Indian exports to China during the year 2000;
- (b) the value of the same during 1999; and
- (c) the details of steps taken to further boost Indian exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The value of Indian exports to China during 2000-2001 was of the order of US\$ 829.24 million.

(b) The value of Indian exports to China during 1999-2000 was US \$ 538.75 million.

(c) The Government of India works towards the improvement and expansion of exports to China. The various steps taken in this direction include exchange of delegations, holding of JBC meetings, exchange of commercial information, participation in fairs and exhibitions, etc.

Exports to European Union

1723. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the European Union Countries propose to open up custom free access to exports from the 48 least developed countries;
- (b) if so, the details of India's exports to these countries during the last two years; and

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(c) whether the Euro-move is likely to affect India's exports to European Union Adversely; if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Under their 'Everything But Arms' (EBA) proposal, the European Union has opened up duty free access to exports from 48 Least Developed Countries. This initiative is affective from 5.3.2001, with provision for longer transition period in case of sugar, rice and bananas.

(b) India's exports to European Union countries during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 amounted to US \$ 9,337.41 million and US \$ 10,362.58 million respectively.

(c) The EVA initiative could be an opportunity to Indian trade and industry for setting up of new production capacities and investment opportunities in LDC countries.

Objectives behind privatisation of Defence sector

1724. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have opened up private sector participation for defence equipment production;

(b) whether foreign direct invesment has also been allowed in the production of defence related equipment;

(c) if so, the main objective behind making these liberalisation in the case of defence production; and

(d) the position as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Foreign direct investment up to 26 per cent has been allowed in the defence industry sector subject to licensing and security requirements.

(c) and (d) The new policy dispensation aims at harnessing capital, knowledge and technology available in the private sector to supplement Government's effort towards attaining self reliance in this highly sensitive sector.